

THOSE BOTHERING LOCUSTS.

How They Should Be Met, Dosed and Persuaded to Die.

With the intention of observing the home life of the cicada, a reporter for the New York Sun went to Staten Island one day and walked along the terrace for a mile to an accompaniment of crunching insects.

What is bothering the Staten Islanders now is to find some use for their visitors. This is particularly interesting, as it may be that a second installment will arrive later in the year.

"Set the place on fire and burn 'em out." "Poison 'em with Paris green and use the bodies for fertilizer."

Most of those interviewed concurred in the opinion last given. But the oldest inhabitant—they have a separate oldest inhabitant for every important occurrence in Staten Island—gives a still more hopeless reply.

"Tain't the question," said he, "what we're goin' to do with them vermin. The question is what's them vermin goin' to do with us?"

This particular oldest inhabitant is an ex-sailor, with a little home near the water side. He says he knows all about cicadas, as he's seen swarms of them in all parts of the world.

"There's trouble comin'," said he, "sure 'nough trouble. Somethin' terrible always happens when them animals heaves in sight. When I was travelin' across the country once out on the plains there came a swarm so thick it stopped the train and near threw it off the track. The very next week I lost a wallet with \$7.83 in it."

"Have you ever seen the insects on Staten Island before?" asked the reporter. "Yes, I seen 'em more'n fifteen year ago, an' that very year my brother William fell down and busted his leg plumb off short. I knowed these were comin' and I got all ready for 'em an' closed my house all up. My little sloop lies out there in the bay, an' I stowed away all her sail under lock an' key."

"They're cute devils. See that ellum tree out in my yard? Well, that's a slippery ellum an' on Sunday mornin', when the animals first came up from the ground, they spotted that tree. They went to work an' eat all the bark off in a line up an' down, an' then they went slidin' down the slippery place jes' like a toboggan slide, an' they was so many 'em that it was just one long line, roun' an' roun' until I got so dizzy I had to get out my garden hose an' wash 'em off. That's the reason you don't see many of 'em, for when they sees I meant business they left."

"Speakin' of locusts, I'll tell you how they saved my life once when I was climbing a South American mountain by gittin' in between me an' an avalanche an' stoppin' the avalanche. Talk about big swarms! Why, that was the biggest—What's that? Your train. Welcome down again any time you want to know anything about them animals."

A Difference of Views. "I am almost afraid, Miss Squoers," said the impetuous young man who had taken her to an after-theater supper, for which he had been hoarding money for months.

Ob, never mind, answered Miss Squoers, smiling pleasantly.

It doesn't answer we can easily order some more, you know.—Chicago News.

SUGAR SCHEDULE.

AN ULTIMATUM BEYOND WHICH THEY WILL NOT GO.

The Last of the Appropriation Bills is Passed by the Senate After Nearly a Day's Discussion—Two Bills Discussed by the House.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—The understanding among the tariff conferees when they adjourned late yesterday afternoon was that the session to-day should bring out either an agreement on the sugar schedule or a decision to report a disagreement.

Senate Forecast.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—With the tariff disposed of the senate could probably adjourn in three or four days' time. The last of the general appropriation bills has passed both houses and a majority of them have been signed by the president.

House Forecast.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—The House will proceed this week, as it did last, with a fixed programme. All its routine business has been transacted and it is simply waiting.

The Last Appropriation.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—The last of the appropriation bills—the deficiency—was passed by the senate yesterday afternoon, after it had been under discussion nearly the entire day.

Two Bills Discussed.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—The house spent a large portion of yesterday discussing two bills, one for reclassification of the railway mail clerks and one for the classification of clerks in the first and second class post-offices.

A Deadlock.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—Conferees on the Indian appropriation

bill have come to a deadlock over some of the most important items inserted. Although 120 amendments were made by the senate, an agreement was reached on all but twenty-four of them, the senate receding in several cases from its terms, while the house conferees accepted the remainder.

Graham Informed.

WASHINGTON, August 3.—The senate department was officially informed yesterday morning that war had been declared between China and Japan. The information came in a dispatch from Mr. Charles Denby, the charge d'affaires at Peking.

Cheerokee Intruders.

WASHINGTON, August 2.—It is doubtful whether the provisions of Assistant Attorney General Hall, respecting citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, will ever be carried out by the interior department, a work which could be accomplished only by strong military aid.

Boitell's Resolution.

WASHINGTON, August 3.—The Boitell resolution for the recognition of the republic of Hawaii was discussed by the foreign affairs committee of the house yesterday.

The Sundry Civil Bill.

WASHINGTON, August 3.—But one more appropriation bill, the deficiency, remains to be acted on by the senate, the sundry civil bill having been passed yesterday, after three days' discussion.

A Stunt in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, August 1.—The prospects for an agreement on the tariff were much improved yesterday, for the first time in many days the house democratic conferees came from the meeting with the statement that previous irreconcilable differences were in process of adjustment.

Denby Must Return.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—In view of the disturbed and threatening state of relations between China and Japan, the State department has intimated to Minister Chas. Denby, United States minister to China, who is now in Michigan, that he had best return to his post.

Public Land Bill.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The senate yesterday passed the house bill exempting those who have entered public land under the desert land act from making the annual improvements required by law and extending the period within which final proof can be made to five years.

BATTLE ON LAND.

THE JAPANESE COMPLETELY ROUT THE CHINESE.

A Hostile Father Ruins His Own Daughter and Flees to Escape Lynching—Santo is Sentenced to Die by the Guillotine at Lyons.

WASHINGTON, August 4.—Official notification of a battle between the Chinese and Japanese land forces in Corea was received at the Chinese legation here last night from the foreign office at Tokio.

Santo Guilty.

LYONS, August 4.—There were few people around the palace of justice when the trial of Caserio Santo, the assassin of Carnot, was resumed yesterday.

Atchison Reorganization.

NEW YORK, August 6.—Mr. Thos. Baring of the firm of Baring Bros., accompanied by Honorable Cecil Baring, arrived yesterday on the Cunard line Aurama.

Revolution in Peru.

VALPARAISO, Chile, August 4.—All Peru is in a state of ferment. The situation of the government is considered critical. The rebels are constantly gaining strength.

Big Fire at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill., August 2.—The lumber district of Chicago was last night visited by one of the most disastrous fires in its history and the loss will probably foot up between \$1,200,000 and \$2,500,000.

Strike Off and On.

CHICAGO, August 6.—By the action of the Chicago local unions of the American railway union, the great strike has been declared off on all lines of this city with the exception of the Chicago and Western Illinois and the Santa Fe.

Trial of Santo.

LYONS, August 3.—Caserio Santo, the assassin of President Carnot, was put on trial in the assize court yesterday. His removal from the St.

Paul prison to the court was without incident. The palace of justice was guarded in the most thorough manner against possible exhibitions of anarchism. Besides Caserio Santo, no one, not an official of the assize, police officer nor soldier will be permitted in or near the court, excepting eighty specially selected newspaper men.

A Bold Bank Robbery.

GETTING, O. T., August 1.—As a result of another attempted bank robbery in Oklahoma, one citizen is dead and one outlaw dying and the whole Territory is greatly excited.

Postoffice Robbed.

SCRANTON, Pa., August 6.—The new Scranton postoffice, which has only been open four months, was robbed on Thursday night of stamps to the value of \$5,800.

Japan Apologizes.

TOKIO, Japan, August 2.—The Japanese government has instructed the minister in London to apologize to Great Britain for firing upon and sinking the transport Kow Shung while she was lying in the British flag.

An Actress Suicides.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., July 31.—Maude Maddox, an actress, known on the stage as Trilxie Bennett, committed suicide here last night by shooting herself through the head with a revolver. No cause is known for the act. She is said to have a husband in an insane asylum.